

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor John T. Marshall of Lebanon on his receipt of the All American Commander Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those individuals who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is John T. Marshall of Lebanon Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5015, who has earned the All American Commander Award, the highest award a commander can receive; and

WHEREAS, answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Marshall enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard (TN-ARNG) in March 2001 as a Human Resources Specialist. He attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, in September 2001; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of Basic Training and AIT at Fort Jackson, Private Marshall was assigned to the 3rd Squadron of the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Cookeville as a Human Resources Specialist, working in the Squadron S-1 Shop. Private Marshall made his way through the enlisted ranks to Specialist E-4 before deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III in June 2004; and

WHEREAS, his duties included traveling three times a week to FOB Caldwell to pick up and drop off the outgoing mail for the squadron. Specialist Marshall logged more than 10,000 miles in a combat zone without losing or compromising any mail; and

WHEREAS, upon returning from deployment in November 2005, Specialist John Marshall was again assigned to the 3rd Squadron of the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment in

Cookeville. In February 2009, he began working full time with TN-ARNG as a military technician in the ID card office in Smyrna; he was later promoted to the rank of Sergeant E-5; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Marshall assists eligible veterans, retirees, and service members of all branches and their dependents in getting military ID cards; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Marshall is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5015, the American Legion Post 0658, and the VFW National Home for Children; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his exceptional military service, John T. Marshall has been awarded a number of accolades, including the Combat Action Badge, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Tennessee Army National Guard Individual Achievement Ribbon, Tennessee Army National Guard Commendation Ribbon, Tennessee National Guard War Service Ribbon, and a Tennessee Governor's Meritorious Unit Citation; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to recognize and applaud John Marshall for his military service and his continued commitment to his fellow veterans and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend John T. Marshall of Lebanon Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5015 for earning the All American Commander Award, express our gratitude for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and this nation, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.